



# News Release

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## State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

## Benton County

In December 2015 the Denturists Board charged denturist **Jenifer Ann Wright** (DN00000472) with unprofessional conduct. Wright allegedly didn't pay a \$2,000 fine imposed when she was placed on probation in 2014.

In December 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Geoffrey S. Ames** (MD00026961) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Ames had a romantic and sexual relationship with a patient. Allegations also say he employed and made business plans with the patient, didn't properly treat the patient, impeded the patient's opportunity to receive appropriate care elsewhere, and caused unreasonable harm to the patient. Ames allegedly didn't cooperate with the commission's investigation and intentionally misrepresented facts about the situation..

## Clallam County

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program entered an agreement with registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Amanda Jean Mays** (NA60138728, NC60534193) that lifts license suspensions imposed in August 2015 and requires her to complete continuing education in anger management. Mays pushed and punched a vulnerable adult. The state Department of Social and Health Services determined she physically abused a vulnerable adult,

and will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

### **Island County**

In November 2015 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Programs charged emergency medical technician **Dylan G. Jefferies** (ES60021530) with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Jefferies was convicted of first-degree possession of depictions of minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

### **Jefferson County**

In December 2015 the Chiropractic Commission ended probation for chiropractor **Keith David Meyer** (CH60131354).

### **King County**

In December 2015 the Veterinary Board ended probation for veterinarian **Gene Albert Bodily** (VT00001042).

In December 2015 the Medical Commission charged physician **Ravinder S. Nijjar** (MD00040319) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Nijjar received deferred prosecution in a 2014 case of hit and run-attended vehicle and driving while intoxicated. Nijjar is allegedly complying with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

In December 2015 the Physical Therapy Board ended probation for physical therapist **Bruce G. Clayton** (PT00002391).

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of massage practitioner **Ty Dannon Kent** (MA60390809).

In November 2015 the secretary of health denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Lisa Marie Candler** (CO60540267). Between 2008 and 2012, Candler was convicted of four felonies, 12 gross misdemeanors and three misdemeanors.

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of agency-affiliated counselor **Dan Raymond Clark** (CG60407075).

In December 2015 the Counselor Program entered an agreement with mental health counselor and chemical dependency professional **Kelly L. Rundle** (LH00005229, CP00006382) that places restrictions on her ability to practice, and fines her \$1,000. Rundle had a romantic relationship with a client.

In December 2015 the Counselor Program modified an agreement with mental health counselor associate and chemical dependency professional trainee **Caitrin Eva Connolly** (MC60545457, CO60549975) that rescinds her chemical dependency professional trainee credential and requires

her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Her chemical dependency professional trainee credential was issued in error. Her mental health counselor associate credential remains in pending status.

### **Pierce County**

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Margaret N. Van Cleave** (NA60348932) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say Van Cleave was involved in a vehicle collision after she picked up a client. The law enforcement officer allegedly noticed that Van Cleave was intoxicated. Van Cleave allegedly admitted she'd been drinking alcohol before the collision and shouldn't have picked up the client.

In December 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program agreed to reinstate the certified nursing assistant credential of **Michaela N. Sistrunk** (NC10091744) and placed her on probation for at least one year. Sistrunk's license was suspended in 2008 after she was convicted in 2007 of third-degree assault.

In December 2015 the Nursing Commission modified an agreement with licensed practical nurse **Becky L. Spradlin** (LP00054995) that indefinitely suspends her license. Spradlin's license was suspended in 2014 in connection with a first-degree theft conviction.

### **Skagit County**

In December 2015 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Nancy Kay Rogerson** (CO60545419). Her registered nurse credential was suspended in 2014 in connection with drug- and alcohol-related issues.

### **Snohomish County**

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of agency-affiliated counselor **Allison Nicole Alexander** (CG60491211).

In December 2015 the secretary of health denied an in-home services agency license to **Margie's Home Care LLC**, doing business as Caring Hands Home Health Care (FS60478528), and notified it of the intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. The company allegedly advertised and provided home care services with no license, and, when it applied for a license, didn't provide adequate policies and procedures.

### **Walla Walla County**

In December 2015 the secretary of health reinstated the registered nursing assistant credential of **Katie McBain** (NA00146915). Her license was revoked in 2004. In 2003 she was convicted of third-degree theft.

In December 2015 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Brandon Lance Hatch** (CH00034374) with unprofessional conduct after Hatch's Oregon chiropractic license was revoked.

### **Whatcom County**

In December 2015 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program reinstated the licensed mental health counselor credential of **Carol A. Plesha** (LH00006856) and ordered her to undergo evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. Plesha's license was suspended in 2010 after she didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Yakima County**

In December 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Steve Riley Ouradnik** (CO60202575).

### **Out of State**

**Oregon:** In November 2015 the Dental Commission withdrew a statement of charges against dentist **Kyle Jay Frisinger** (DE60011799).

**Oregon:** In December 2015 the Counselor Program charged agency-affiliated counselor **Jeffrey Paul Chudner** (CG60283305) with unprofessional conduct. Chudner allegedly didn't comply with a requirement to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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